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Cold Regions Projects Office Changes Command

FAIRBANKS, Alaska - The U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory's Alaskan Projects Office, located in Fairbanks, Alaska, will undertake a change of command on Wednesday, July 1.

Outgoing Commander, Major Alvin Lee, leaves to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Major Lee was with the Alaska office of the Corps of Engineers from June 17, 1997, to June 30, 1998. At the Change of Command ceremony Major Lee will be presented the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding meritorious service as Commander, Alaska Projects Office. The citation reads as follows: *You displayed professionalism by providing exceptional support to commanders and researchers in the cold Pacific rim area. You directed a cohesive team focused on solving key issues, overcoming complex problems, and achieving remarkable success. Your meritorious service reflects distinct credit upon you, the Corps of Engineers, and the United States Army.*

The new commander is Major Eric Wahlgren. Major Wahlgren's last duty station was at Ft. Leavenworth Kansas where he served as Executive Officer, Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Previous duty locations include Ft. Wainwright, Ft. Knox, Ft. McCoy, and Ft. Greely.

CRREL's mission is to gain knowledge of the cold regions through scientific and engineering research, and to put that knowledge to work for the Corps of Engineers, the Army, the Department of Defense, and the Nation. CRREL, headquartered in Hanover, New Hampshire, with a field office in Fairbanks, Alaska, is the only Department of Defense laboratory addressing problems and opportunities unique to the world's cold regions.

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